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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 779

Introduced by Assembly Member De La Torre

February 18, 2005

An act to add Section 14018.15 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 779, as amended, De La Torre. Medi-Cal: maintaining eligibility.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Services and under which qualified low-income persons receive health care services.

Existing law requires the department to prospectively notify a Medi-Cal managed care plan of the date of the regularly scheduled annual redetermination of a Medi-Cal beneficiary in a disabled aid category, who is enrolled in that plan and where eligibility redetermination is the responsibility of the department.

This bill would require the department to implement a *state-level automated* procedure to notify all Medi-Cal providers regarding the date upon which any *annual eligibility redetermination or scheduled status report* forms must be submitted by beneficiaries to continue their eligibility in the Medi-Cal program.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14018.15 is added to the Welfare and
2 Institutions Code, to read:
3 14018.15. (a) The department shall, *in consultation with the*
4 *counties, providers, and advocates*, implement a *state-level*
5 *automated* procedure to notify all Medi-Cal providers regarding
6 the date upon which any *annual eligibility redetermination forms*
7 *or scheduled status report* forms must be submitted by
8 beneficiaries to continue their eligibility in the Medi-Cal
9 program.
10 (b) Based on the notification provided under subdivision (a),
11 the Medi-Cal provider may notify a beneficiary of an
12 approaching deadline and thereby assist the beneficiary with the
13 eligibility redetermination or scheduled status report process.